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[Plattsburgh, New York]—Richard S. Hartunian, United States Attorney for the Northern District of New York, Lev Kubiak, Homeland Security Investigation Special Agent in charge, and Timmy J. Currier, Chief of the Massena Police Department, announced that on June 23, 2011 a federal jury in Binghamton, New York convicted CHRISTOPHER S. MORIN, age 40, of Massena, New York, of Attempted Sexual Enticement of a Minor in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 2422(b).

MORIN is scheduled to be sentenced on November 14, 2011 and faces a mandatory minimum sentence of ten (10) years of imprisonment, a maximum sentence of up to life imprisonment, and a fine of up to \$250,000. MORIN will also be required to register as a sex offender. Senior United States District Court Judge Thomas J. McAvoy ordered that MORIN's conditions of release, including a \$100,000.00 secured bond, electronic monitoring, and an order that he not have any contact with anyone under the age of eighteen (18), remain the same following the trial.

MORIN was arrested on August 14, 2010, after an undercover investigation by Homeland Security Investigations. The undercover investigation began when federal agents obtained consent to assume control of a fifteen-year-old girl's cellular phone and Facebook account. From August 9, 2010 until August 14, 2010, MORIN exchanged more than 1,000 text messages with an

undercover agent posing as the fifteen-year-old girl. MORIN was arrested after arriving at a gas station on the Saint Regis Mohawk Reservation to meet with the undercover agent.

The case is being prosecuted by the United States Attorney's Office for the Northern District of New York and is the result of a joint investigation by Homeland Security Investigations, the Massena Police Department, and the New York State Police.

Any questions may be directed to Assistant U.S. Attorney Daniel C. Gardner in Plattsburgh, New York at 518-314-7800.